

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 148

Introduced by Assembly Member Charles Calderon

March 22, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 148—Relative to the Armenian Martyrs Memorial.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 148, as introduced, Charles Calderon. Armenian Martyrs Memorial.

This measure would request the Department of Transportation to erect informational signs on State Highway Route 60 in the County of Los Angeles directing motorists to the Armenian Martyrs Monument, consistent with the signing requirements for the state highway system and upon receiving donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, The horrible experience of the Armenian people
2 living in the Ottoman Empire in 1915 is what is known by
3 historians as the “First Genocide of the Twentieth Century,” and
4 as the prototype of modern day mass killing; and
5 WHEREAS, The Armenian Genocide began with the arrest,
6 exile, and murder of hundreds of Armenian intellectuals, and
7 business, political, and religious leaders, starting on April 24, 1915;
8 and
9 WHEREAS, The lives of nearly 1,500,000 Armenians were
10 taken during this dark period in world history from 1915–21; and

1 WHEREAS, The Armenian Martyrs Monument was erected in
2 1965 in Bicknell Park in the City of Montebello in dedication to
3 the 1,500,000 Armenian victims of the genocide perpetrated by
4 the Turkish Government between 1915–21, and to men of all
5 nations who have fallen victim to crimes against humanity; and

6 WHEREAS, The Armenian Martyrs Monument is the site of
7 religious and cultural commemorations by the Armenian
8 community in southern California; and

9 WHEREAS, The Armenian Martyrs Monument serves as a
10 beacon of awareness for crimes against all of humanity; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
13 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes the importance
14 of the Armenian Martyrs Monument to the people of California
15 and requests the Department of Transportation to erect
16 informational signs on the westbound portion of State Highway
17 Route 60 leading to the Garfield Avenue exit and the eastbound
18 portion of State Highway Route 60 leading to the Garfield Avenue
19 exit, in the County of Los Angeles, directing motorists to the
20 Armenian Martyrs Monument, consistent with the signing
21 requirements for the state highway system and upon receiving
22 donations from nonstate sources sufficient to cover the cost to
23 erect those signs; and be it further

24 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
25 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
26 author for appropriate distribution.